

Southern Tulare County
Sportsmen's Banquet
APRIL 25
Springville Rodeo
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Porterville Roundup
MAY 7-8
Patron's Day - Livestock Show
MAY 13-14

CATTLEMEN MEETING SET TOMORROW

Election of officers is scheduled for the annual spring meeting of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association that will be held tomorrow noon, April 16, at the Ranch House, southwest of Porterville on Poplar highway, according to Flores Evans of Tipton, association president.

Slated to speak during the meeting is State Senator J. Howard Williams of Porterville and Dave Snedden, president of the California Cattlemen's association, in addition to other men of state prominence. A barbecued beef dinner will be served by the Ranch House.

Cow-BELLES

A feature of the meeting will be the appearance of a representative from the Cow-Belles of Kern county, the women's auxiliary unit of the Kern County Cattlemen's association. Wives of Tulare county cattlemen are invited to attend tomorrow's meeting.

The spring meeting of the Tulare county group is designated as the business session of the association. Annual fall meeting is scheduled as the association's social event of the year.

Talk, Pictures For Poplar Meet

Talks and motion pictures are scheduled for a pot luck supper meeting of the Poplar Farm Bureau Center next Monday evening, April 18, in the Poplar Grange hall, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

A motion picture, "Proper Milking," from the University of Minnesota, will be shown and C. L. Pelissier, assistant Tulare county farm advisor, will speak on "Wilted Alfalfa Silage."

Sarah R. Smith, secretary-manager of the Tulare county Farm Bureau, will discuss "Farm Bureau Services." Charles Overholt, Poplar Center chairman, will preside at the meeting.

Families attending the meeting are asked to bring a hot dish and salad or dessert, also their own table service. The Center will provide coffee, rolls and cream.

Vernon Gill Heads County 4-H Fair

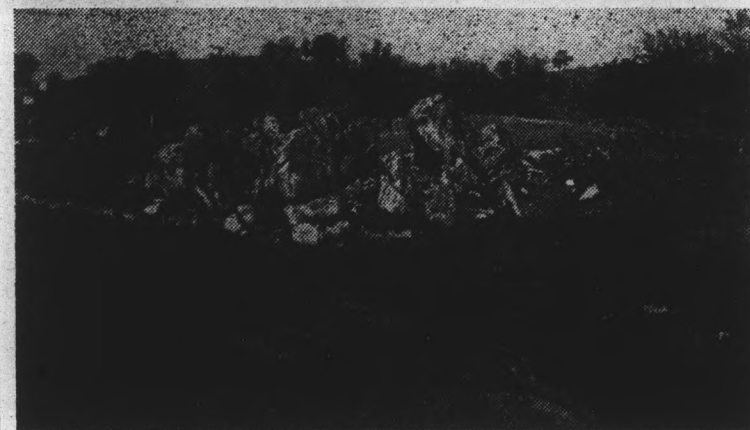
Vernon Gill, of Springville, has been selected by the Tulare County 4-H council, as director of the agricultural division of the 22nd annual Tulare County 4-H fair that will be held on the Tulare fair grounds, Saturday, May 21.

In charge of various divisions of the fair are the following 4-H leaders: Joe Bono, Aurora, awards; H. H. Sortor, Oakdale, vehicle parking; James Muller, Ducor, beef; Frank Kirkman, Venice, dairy; Carl Elander, Kings River, swine; Gene Tartaglia, Earlimart, poultry; Ralph Schreiber, Lindsay, rabbits; J. D. Andreas, Earlimart, crops; H. H. Kramer, Earlimart, sheep; O. A. Holbrook, Vandalia, horses; and Frank Powell, Venice, parade.

CONSOLIDATION

Completed this week was consolidation of the business firm of C. Brooks the Printer and The Farm Tribune under the name of The Farm Tribune. Associated in the business are Clarence Brooks, John Keck and Bill Rodgers.

BRUSH PILES AND FENCED AREAS TO BRING MORE FOOTHILL QUAIL



GAME WARDEN Ross Welch is shown, above, inspecting one of the brush piles that have been placed in a 12,000 acre tract in the Fountain Springs-White River area to offer cover and protection for foothill quail. Below, a fenced area, with rocks for cover and with a small stream running through it. Brush producing plants have been set out in order that heavier cover will be produced. The brush piles and fenced areas are a project of the California Division of Fish and Game, designed to increase quail propagation through natural means.

Natural Quail Propagation Is Object Of Program Being Developed In Foothills

Considerable hope is held for the success of a quail propagation program that is now in operation

over a 12,000 acre tract in the Fountain Springs-White River district, with early indications being that an increased quail population will result from the developing of natural cover areas in the quail propagation district.

The general plan has three main points: 1. The fencing of small areas where natural cover is already available; 2. The planting of vines and bushes in fenced areas to develop cover and 3. The piling of brush to provide cover and protection near the fenced areas and near water sources.

Brush Gathered

The piling of brush and the fencing was completed about two months ago and in a check in-

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ART GRISWOLD RE-ELECTED ASSN. HEAD

Art Griswold, Springville rancher, was re-elected president of the Deer Creek-Tule River Cattlemen's association at a semi-annual meeting held last Saturday at the Forest Service headquarters in Springville. Bob Shannon was re-elected association secretary.

The meeting was in the form of a steak fry, with wives of cattlemen also attending. Next meeting will be held in the fall at California Hot Springs.

The association is composed of cattlemen who are Forest Service permittees in the Sequoia National forest.

IT'S "CANTERBELLES" FOR GIRL RIDERS

The name, "Canterbelles," has been selected by the group of girl riders who are now being organized as a precision, mounted drill team, under sponsorship of the Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community Fair board of directors and under supervision by the Porterville High School P. T. A.

Ducor Steer Rates Choice

Joleen Flynn, Ducor 4-H member, showed a choice Shorthorn steer at the Junior International Livestock Exposition being held this week at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

Herb Zimmerman, Porterville Future Farmer, showed a top good Shorthorn and Loretta Muller, Ducor 4-H, showed a low good Angus. Judging was on the Danish system.

FARM DIVERSITY AND VALUE SHOWN IN ANNUAL REPORT BY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

Tulare county agriculture was valued at \$184,139,541 in 1948, on an f.o.b. basis, according to an annual report to the Tulare county board of supervisors, filed this week by Oscar L. Hemphill, county agricultural commissioner, with nine major classifications of farm products that includes nearly 175 farm-produced items listed in the report.

Field crops, with a valuation of \$63,462,733, tops the list in value, followed by deciduous and grapes, \$39,557,455; citrus, \$22,193,019; livestock, \$17,373,841; truck crops, \$17,318,525; dairy products, \$13,170,563; poultry, \$8,138,352; miscellaneous agriculture, \$1,378,653 and beeswax and honey, \$113,400. In addition, subsidy payments were valued at \$1,433,000.

Nine Events For Horse Show

Nine events will feature the junior horse show that will conclude the second annual Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community fair that is slated for the Porterville high school grounds in conjunction with the annual school Patrons' day May 13 and 14.

The show will be highlighted by the first public appearance of the Canterbelles, a newly organized group of girl riders from southern Tulare county who are being sponsored by the livestock show and fair committee, under direct supervision of the Porterville High School P.-T.A.

Top prize of the show, which is open to junior competitors under the age of 18 years, is a pure-bred Arabian colt, which is being donated by Jones Hardware

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CHUCK WAGON BREAKFAST FOR COW HANDS

Cow hands, both genuine and otherwise, will gather on Porterville's Main street next Wednesday morning for a free, chuck wagon breakfast that will be served by the Orange Belt Saddle club and the Merchants' committee of the Porterville chamber of commerce as a preliminary to the second annual Porterville Roundup that will be held at the Rocky Hill arena, east of Porterville, May 7 and 8.

Only qualification toward receiving the free bacon and eggs, beans, coffee and rolls, is that all cowboys and cowgirls be dressed in western regalia. Food will be served between 6:30 and 8 A. M.

Heading up the Merchants' committee handling the event is Fred Moore, Porterville business men. All members of the Saddle club are expected to be present to assist in dishing up the chow.

ASSESSOR

An office of Deputy County Assessor Dale Trimmel will be open in the Alta Vista school from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. daily from April 18 to 22 for the convenience of taxpayers who wish to make property declarations. Veterans seeking tax exemption must bring their discharge papers with them.

Less Common

Some of the less common crops that are grown commercially in the county include: avocados, 7 acres; cherries, 7 acres; persimmons, 76 acres; quinces, 17 acres; sunflowers, 280 acres; endives, 20 acres; okra, 20 acres; egg plant, 20 acres and limes, 9 acres.

County citrus acreage totals 39,266 acres; deciduous fruits and grapes 117,335 acres; truck crops, 22,938 acres and field crops, 401,129 acres.

In the livestock breakdown, valuation of beef cattle is \$16,089,627; hogs \$671,743; sheep and lambs, \$60,960; pure bred horses, \$25,636 and registered cattle, \$525,875.

Miscellaneous

Under miscellaneous items, glazed and processed fruit value runs \$560,000; nursery stock, \$337,399; ornamentals and cut flowers, \$326,120; barnyard fertilizer, \$41,250; straw, \$6,450 and sunflower seed, \$57,425.

Five major citrus products were grown in the county: 21 deciduous and grapes; 26 truck crop items; 11 field crop items, topped by cotton with 216,000 acres and a total value of \$39,331,426; and seven items classed under poultry.

Success Dam Meeting April 25

A meeting to consider pros and cons of the proposed Success dam on the Tule river will be held on Monday, April 25, at 10 A. M. in Porterville at a place to be announced later, with members of the Tulare county board of supervisors to attend.

The meeting date was set last Tuesday at a supervisor session in Visalia when representatives of the committee opposed to Construction of Success dam appeared before the county group to ask that the official county stand favoring construction of the dam be changed to a position opposing construction.

The committee also protested use of county tax money in efforts directed toward promotion of dam construction.

FAIR COMMITTEES MEET APRIL 20

Directors of the Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community fair, in addition to all fair committee chairmen, will meet next Wednesday evening, April 20, at 8 o'clock in the Porterville city hall to discuss plans for the second show that will be held in conjunction with Porterville high school Patron's day May 13 and 14.

Attend the Annual Fish and Game Banquet, April 25.

THEY DIED WITH THEIR BOOTS ON AT TAILHOLT

(Ed. Note. The following information was prepared by Miss Annie R. Mitchell of Visalia. It concerns Boothill cemetery, at White River were a state centennial marker will be placed with appropriate ceremonies on May, 15, with the program under direction of the Tulare County Historical society.)

By Annie R. Mitchell

Another landmark which has completely disappeared, except from the memory of a few old pioneers, is Boothill cemetery in the ghost town mining camp of Tailholt in southeastern Tulare county.

Most mining camps had citizens who died with their boots on, but very few actually set aside a separate cemetery for those

unfortunate men who died in a blaze of gun fights. This happened at Tailholt, probably because the camp had already provided a cemetery on the north side of White River for its respectable citizens and did not want to inter its more notorious guests in the same spot.

South of River

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NATURAL PROPOGATION IS OBJECT OF FOOTHILL QUAIL PROGRAM

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spection last Saturday, it was found that already pairs of quail are moving in, preparatory to nesting. As nearly as could be determined, no quail were in the area prior to the development of the natural cover.

The program is being carried out through the California Division of Fish and Game with state and federal funds that are derived from a tax on ammunition. The program marks the first practical step taken in California to restore the quail population through natural propagation and the Fountain Springs-White River area is set up as a model for demonstration purposes as well as for actual quail propagation.

Plants Set Out

Plants that are being set out in fenced areas include wild roses, goose berries, currants and others, while the division of fish and

game is now considering the establishing of a nursery to produce these plants for use as the program develops.

An idea of the contrast that exists between the foothills as they are today and as they were when great covies of quail were commonplace prior to the days of cattle grazing, can already be seen in the growth of grass and brush in the fenced areas as compared to the open areas.

Quail Diminish

Authorities on game state that quail have diminished in the California valleys and foothills not so much as a result of hunting, but as a result of cultivation and grazing that has cut down natural cover and protection.

In order to check the results of the program, a second area, similar to the propagation area, has been set up. No improvement work will be done in the second area and quail development in this area will be recorded in relation to the improved area.

The tract that is being used for the quail restoration program will be subject to "controlled hunting" during the open season. This means that hunters in the area must have written permission of the land owner; that a record of the quail kill will be kept and that, if necessary, the amount of hunting will be limited.

Sportsmen Assist

Assisting with the program, in securing property, has been the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, through members of its quail committee which is headed by Waldo Burford, Porterville attorney.

Quail propagation is also being carried out in the desert areas of California, where water, rather than cover, is the problem. In these districts a "Guzzler" has been developed that collects and stores rain water in such a manner that it is available to birds over an extended period of time.

MORE WATER IN MOUNTAINS

Some 5,000,000 acre feet of water is now stored in 27 reservoirs in the Sierra Nevada mountains, according to the state division of water resources. This is more than on April 1, of last year and considerable more snow is now in the mountains than last year.

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY NUMBERS DECLINE

Decline in the numbers of livestock and poultry in the nation during 1948 occurred for the fifth straight year, however, the drop was only one per cent, the smallest since 1944.

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IN ADDITION to the quail propagation program, as reported in this issue of The Farm Tribune, The Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association is active in other forms of promotion of more fish and game for local sportsmen. Above are holding ponds at Moorehouse spring, built by association members for handling of trout prior to planting and George Franklin, game conservation aid at the state bird farm west of Porterville—a project that always has had the active support of the association.

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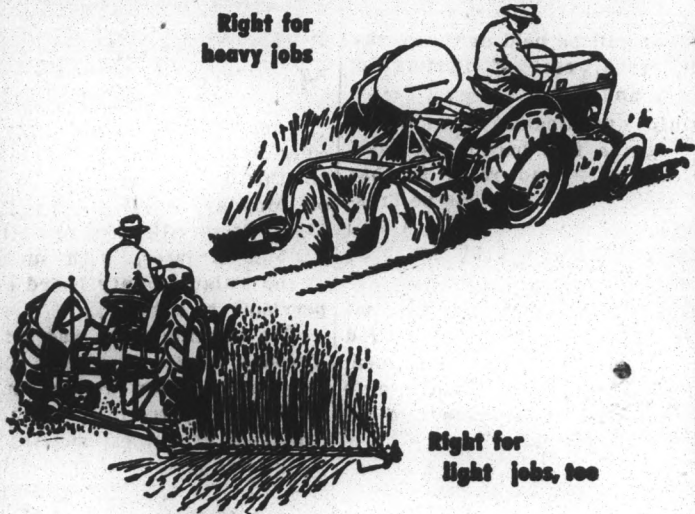
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CLEAN UP. Tulare has scheduled a clean up, paint up, fix up drive during the period May 19 to 23. General chairman is Vern Kirschler.

APPOINTED. Harold Schutt has replaced W. B. Kiggins as a member of the board of directors of the Tulare county chamber of commerce. Both men are from Lindsay.

MOONEY GROVE. Mooney Grove was a popular place for Tulare county residents over the past week-end, 11,800 persons visiting the park.

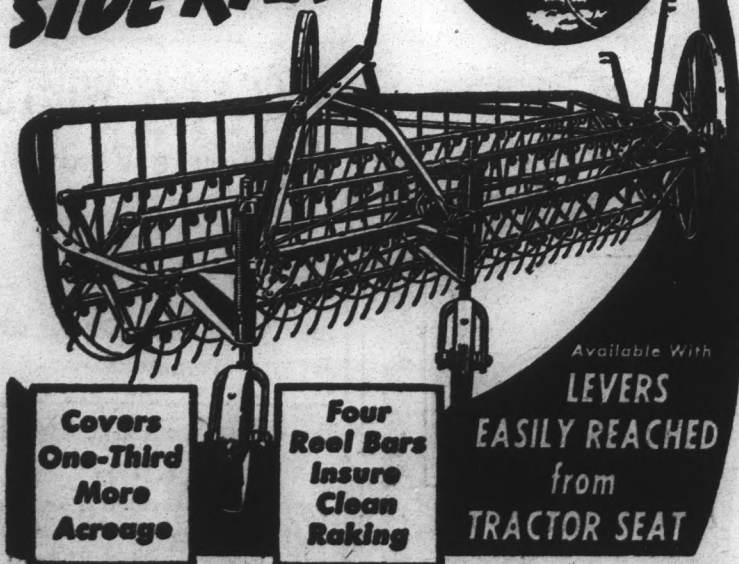
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1,500 persons attended quarter horse races held Sunday at Tip-ton.

CHAMPION. Kathleen Glenn, eighth grader in the Exeter's Lincoln school this week won the spelling championship of Tulare county schools and will represent the county in a Central California contest at Sacramento May 7.

TEMPERATURES. Maximum temperature forecasts, starting today, will originate from the office of the U.S. weather bureau in Lindsay. The service will continue until June of this year.

HAMILTON FILES. Lester J. Hamilton has filed for re-election to the Porterville Elementary District School board. Other board members, not up for election this year, are Boyd Kreider and Sidney Longacre.

OVER THE TOP. Porterville's Red Cross drive, under the chairmanship of Max K. Jamison, has gone more than \$1,000 over the top of the community quota of \$7,500.

NEW POOL. Ground was broken this week on a community swimming pool for the city of Visalia. Contributions for the project totaled \$26,000; Visalia city council placed an additional \$15,000 in the pool fund.

FIELD DAY. Future Farmer Field day will be held at the Tulare high school farm April 30.

Citrus Problems Discussion Set

Policies of the United States department of agriculture concerning various phases of citrus production and marketing, in addition to federal price supports for citrus production were discussed this week at College Station, Texas, when representatives of the citrus industry from California, Arizona, Texas and Florida met with government officials.

Roy McLain of Visalia, a Tulare county citrus industry leader and president of the county Farm Bureau, is one of two men who represented California at the meeting.

HOT CARGO. J. Howard Williams, state senator from Tulare county, has joined in the legislative fight to outlaw "hot cargo" and "secondary boycott" practices of labor unions in California.

VERIFICATION. Signatures on petitions recently circulated in Tulare county asking repeal of Proposition No. 4 are now being verified in the office of the Tulare county clerk.

Citrus Fruits Valuable Addition To Home Orchard

By H. C. MEITH

Assistant Farm Advisor

Citrus fruits can be grown on home grounds over a large part of California. They have a high food value, can contribute substantially to the family food supply, and can be stored on the trees over long periods of time.

Best results will be obtained if commercial varieties are grown such as the following:

Washington Navel orange, an early variety maturing from December to February.

Valencia orange, a late variety which matures from April to June, depending upon the location.

Lisbon lemon, a vigorous thorny variety with a tendency to bear most of its fruit in the fall. Considered more resistant to cold than the Eureka lemon.

Eureka lemon, not so vigorous at the Lisbon but usually bearing fruit all season and especially good at a dooryard tree. This variety does not do well on

sour-orange root.

Meyer lemon, not a commercial variety but preferred by many for the home orchard. It is more resistant to cold than the Eureka or Lisbon and a smaller tree. It carries fruit during most of the year. The fruit is almost orange in color, has a mild flavor, a pleasing aroma, and a high juice content.

Marsh grapefruit is the only variety of this species commonly grown in California. Its fruit matures from late November to June accordingly to locality. It is at its best in the warm interior areas such as Tulare county. A leaflet entitled "Citrus Fruits for the Home Orchard" is available at no cost at the Farm Advisor's Office, P. O. Bldg., Visalia. This leaflet gives detailed instructions on the care

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Present outlook is that during 1949, consumers of the nation will have more pork, less amounts of other meats, more fats and oil and about the same amount of poultry, eggs and dairy products as in 1948.

Prospects for an excellent spring potato crop are seen from 17,510 acres planted in Florida. Harvesting of artichokes in the Central California coast area is now general.



THE OLD DAYS

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An Enterprise representative on Monday last paid a visit to Coburn's new mill and box factory at Soda Spring on the North Fork of the Tule river, and was quite surprised to see such a neat and compact little factory.

The mill building occupies 32 by 64 feet by 12 feet and it is erected on the left bank of the river. It is fitted up with the latest improved machinery, including a rip saw, a planer, a cut-off saw, a re-saw and other equipment.

All the machinery is run by water power and is kept in motion by a 28 horsepower turbine wheel which is fed by water from a flume situated at the north end of the mill.

There are five men engaged in the mill and Mr. Coburn's intentions are to considerably enlarge

the premise and run a lumber yard in connection, which will be opened sometime next month under the management of W. I. Hodges.

Whilst crossing Porter slough last Wednesday at noon, Jacob Renz of Frazier, drove his team into a deep hole instead of taking the regular ford, with the consequence that his wagon rode under water and so did John and his horses, the latter falling down just as they reached the opposite bank.

John had been warned not to cross where he did and he got a good ducking for his foolhardiness.

During the visit of A. B. Butler, the Fresno raisin king, to Porterville last week, he paid a visit to the orange orchards of Albert

Henry and Ed. Gibbons and was very much struck by their appearance and the quality of the fruit.

Mat Flynn and Pete Norton of White River hauled their wool into town last Saturday to ship it to San Francisco. They had about 16,000 pounds in all.

The Mountain Lion saloon was reopened last Tuesday under the management of Henry Dunlap of Bakersfield.

It is pretty dangerous crossing the North Tule river now at any point above the Hubbs place other than the regular ford, as the water is running very swiftly and deep holes are numerous.

Sunday next will witness the first baseball game ever played in Porterville, between the "Big Nine" and "The Kids." The match will be played at 1:30 on the railroad lots along the Plano road.

Hobart Webster has purchased George Duccumun's cigar store in the postoffice building.

Hjalmar Newman yesterday shipped 100 seedling orange trees to Capt. Hutchinson at Lynsey.

I. L. Reed of Reedley has been re-elected director of the Alta Irrigation district.

The Rev. Umpleby informs us that the new Methodist Episcopal church will be erected on Cleveland street between second and third.

John Loyd had a fine new range sent down from the City and intends to make a first class dining room of the Arlington.

J. B. Hockett has rented his 40-acre field between Murry's pasture and Porterville townsite to L. D. Whitt at a rental of \$25 per month.

Samuel P. Putnam, president of the California State Liberal Union, will lecture in Porterville on the 27th and 28th inst. on Freethought and Secularism.

The Wisner Brothers are working on the Angora mine in Pleasant valley. They are running a tunnel through the hill where the claim is situated and expect to strike the ledge at 100 feet or so. So far, they have gone about 70 feet, getting out some \$10 to \$12 bold ore on the way.

Porterville school house will soon float the glorious banner of freedom from the topmost pinnacle of her towered roof, as Charlie Worth has been around town with a petition to raise money for purchasing one. Having met with success, we shall soon see the stars and stripes floating to the breeze; the first flag Porterville ever possessed.

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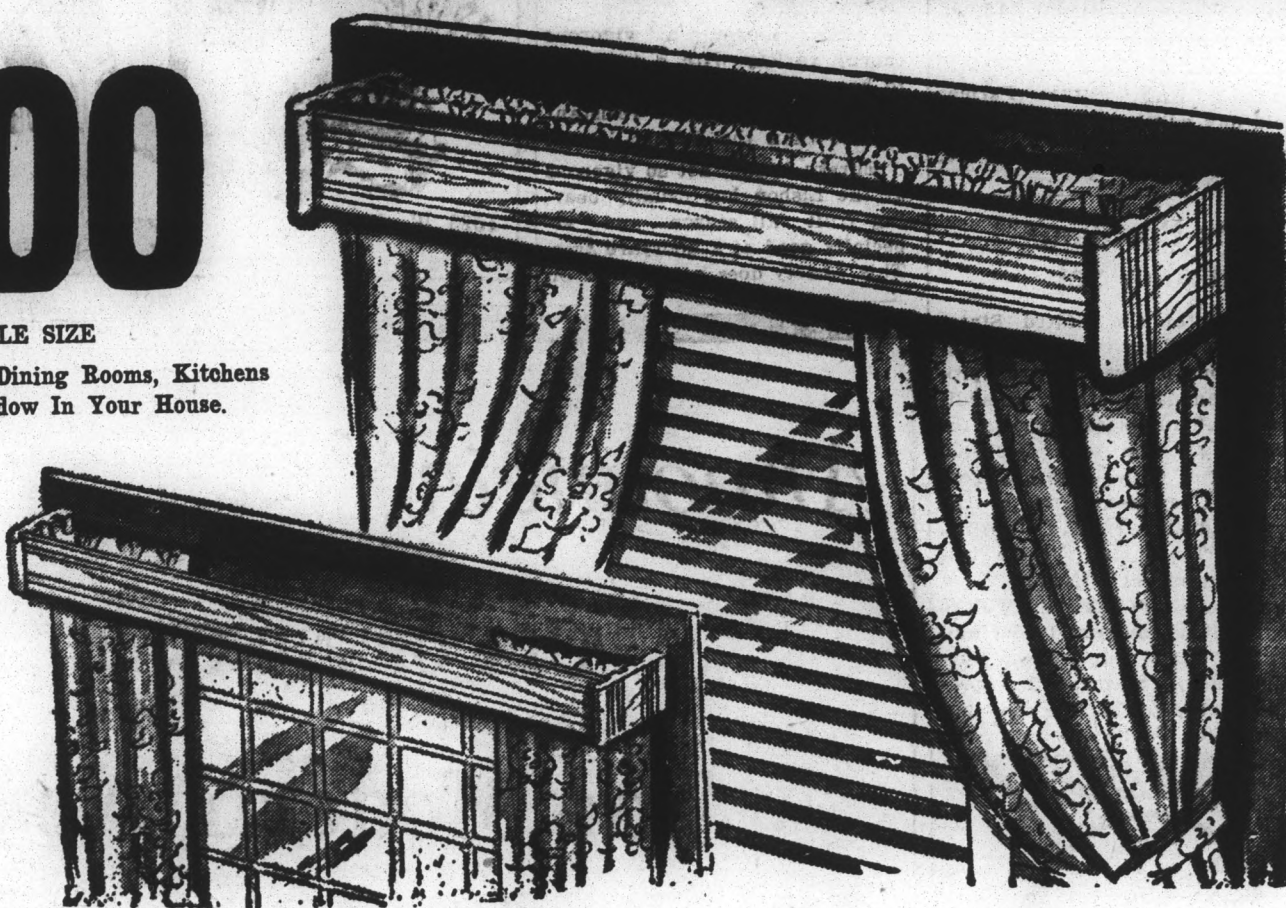
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Further proof that the Woodville Women's Civic club serves "best dinners in the world" was evidenced Tuesday evening at the annual banquet of the Woodville chamber of commerce, attended by large delegations from Tulare and Porterville.

The women, under Club Chairman Mrs. Norman Vossler, offered an excellent and abundant baked ham meal, served by men of the community directed by Norman Vossler.

Presiding at the meeting was outgoing chamber president, Kirby Wyllie, who introduced the incoming president, Elmer Carr and the new board of directors, Walt Sommer, Jack Monroe, Troy Hutchinson, Albert Rosso and John Hawthorne.

Entertainment, provided by the Tulare chamber of commerce, consisted of a short talk by John Africa, secretary-manager of the Tulare chamber and a humorous presentation and vocal solos by Ed Hennessey, secretary of the Fresno county chamber of commerce, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Shamgoshian of Fresno.

C. R. Williams, president of the Porterville chamber of commerce, presented the Woodville chamber with a 10th anniversary birthday cake; Norman DeWeese, business manager of the Porterville Packers, spoke on the Porterville baseball team; Stanley Smith, of the Tulare chamber, presented Mrs. Wyllie and Mrs. Carr with bouquets of roses; Clay Rogers, president of the Tulare chamber, spoke briefly and Ted Eddy, president of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, called attention to a trap shoot on April 24 and the annual association banquet on April 25.

Introduced were Supervisors Rodgers L. Moore, Jay G. Brown and Harry Perry. A dance followed the banquet.

SPRINGVILLE CLUB PROGRAM WELL ATTENDED

More than 70 persons attended a ladies night program given Monday evening by the Springville Lions club, honoring women of the community who had assisted with the recent Red Cross drive. Soloist on the program was Ann Lumsden.

Acreage of celery for spring and summer harvest in the state is estimated at 2,100 acres compared to 2,200 acres last year.



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They Died With Their Boots On At Tailholt

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Boothill cemetery is located on a small hill south of White River. For many years the graves could be located because the dirt had settled, leaving well defined depressions. Today, all traces are gone and the stillness is broken only when wandering cattle graze over the hillsides of the old mining camp.

The first person to be wrapped in his blankets and buried in Boothill was Danny Poer, a young miner from Texas. Like most of the residents of Tulare county in pioneer days, he was a resolute believer in the Confederate cause and it was this belief that led directly to his death.

Early in the evening of December 20, 1862, Danny got into an argument with Matt Wells in Bill Brannon's saloon over politics and as the words got hotter and hotter, Danny called Wells a "Black Republican," an epithet which caused more than one shooting in this county.

Grabs Gun

Matt Wells pulled out his pistol and hit Danny several times before Danny managed to get out his own pistol. Matt Wells grabbed Danny's gun and it went off, the bullet striking Poer.

Danny lived for awhile and Matt left Tailholt by way of Linn's valley where his friends helped him over the mountains and out of California. He was not indicted by the inquest jury and later came back to California, settling in Kern county, where he served as sheriff in 1876.

When old timers told this story, they also told one which involved a shooting scrape at Grizzly gulch, near Tailholt. This cannot be verified but it is typical of the times.

Wrong Guess

It seems that at the time of the Poer shooting, two miners named Tom Mayfield and Andrew McFarland got into a fight at the gulch. Both of these men got shot up. McFarland stayed at Grizzly gulch but tough Tom Mayfield elected to walk to Tailholt, in spite of his wounds.

When he got there, Danny Poer had just died and the men were covering him with a blanket. Mayfield took a look and said, "Wait a minute, boys." He went over to the body, lay down beside it and pulled the blanket over both of them, saying "Well, Danny old boy, I'll soon be with you."

This was a wrong guess because in spite of his wounds and the seven-mile walk in the dead of winter, McFarland recovered.

The next occupant of Boothill was Danny Lane, a young Kentuckian who had often told his friends he would be killed because of his rebel sympathies. His hunch proved correct for in April 1863, he got into an argument with Jerry Robinson in the latter's eating house.

Pulls Knife

Lane pulled out his Bowie knife and Robinson yelled, "Don't do that for I have a gun," but Danny kept after Robinson, who fired and killed him. The inquest jury reported that Jerry Robinson, "done it in self defense for his own protection."

Apparently the given name of "Danny" was not healthy in Tailholt during the sixties, for the third occupant of Boothill was Danny Dougherty. There are no records to substantiate his murder, but according to contemporary pioneers, Dan was killed in a drunken brawl, wrapped in his blankets and buried beside the other Danks.

(To be continued next week.)

First California strawberries were harvested in San Diego county early in April.

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By RALPH L. WORRELL
Assistant Farm Advisor

Making good quality alfalfa hay is an art that can be learned only through experience. Specific directions cannot be given to fit all conditions because of the variations in temperature, humidity, season, crop uses, etc.,

There are, however, certain rules which may be followed. The highest quality of alfalfa hay will be obtained if the crop is cut in the early bud stage or before the plants come into bloom. At this stage the stems are soft, immature, and pliable. The plants are leafy, and if properly cured, can produce an excellent, fine stemmed leafy hay. This is called rabbit or goat hay. As the plant grows older, the stems become coarser and the proportion of leaf to stem decreases.

Growth Considered

The grower must also consider the effect of the stage of cutting on the welfare of his stand, as well as the quality and value of his hay. The continuous cutting of immature or bud stage hay is the chief cause of short lived stands. Generally an alfalfa field cut before it gets into the bloom

stage "runs out" a year sooner. The most effective time to cut is in the 1/10 to 1/4 stage. That takes into consideration the welfare of the stand, the total yield, the quality of the hay and the total feeding value.

Let Leaves Wilt

When the hay is cut, it should be left in the swath only until it is thoroughly wilted, then raked into small, compact windrows for further curing. If the grower desires to complete the process in small stacks or cocks, the hay may be cocked directly after raking, or at most only a few hours after raking.

Most growers, however, prefer to stack, bale or chop long enough to attain proper degree of dryness.

Hay may be stacked safely when it has been cured to a point where the stems show toughness when twisted. If it is to be baled direct or chopped, it must be somewhat dryer. In either case over-drying must be avoided. Brittle hay will lose a large percentage of its leaves and make a low grade product.

"Timberline" Is Neat Newspaper

A neat, mimeographed newspaper, the Timberline, is being published at the Springville Union Elementary school, with the current issue being Volume 1 No. 9.

Editor of the paper, which covers school and community news, is Ina Vaughn, assisted by Carolyn Johnson. Social editors are Ann Pennington and Georgia Riggs; business managers, Ann Sotvall and Patricia Espich; girls' sports, Gladys Geren and Carol Fox; boys' sports, Benny Breman and Ken Shannon; community representatives, Billy Winn and Glen Sutch and reporters, Alan Fox, Velta Gray, Barbara Winn, Jo Ann Farrow, Jaunita Templeton and Jackie Gray.

SPEAKER



WILLIAM E. HAMMOND, manager, Western division, United States chamber of commerce, who will speak at Tulare meeting April 19.

OIL WELL NEAR CRUCIAL DEPTH

A "crucial" point in operations at the Hudson-Faye No. 1 oil well just north of Deer Creek and east of the Southern Pacific tracks, is rapidly being reached, with drilling now going ahead at a depth of approximately 1,500 feet.

Unofficial report is that outcome of this drilling project be determined possibly within the next few days.

CITRUS DIVISION

Two divisions are being planned for the citrus section of the second annual Tulare County Junior Livestock Show and Community Fair that will be held May 13 and 14 on the Porterville high school grounds in conjunction with the school Patrons' day.

Bob Bennett, head of the fair's citrus section, after meeting with packing house managers Wednesday afternoon, stated that a non-competitive citrus division for commercial packers will be open and that a competitive grower division is being arranged.

Fruit in the grower division will be judged entirely on quality; ribbons will be awarded to winners.

MAYOR

Earl L. Reed was elected president of the Porterville city council at an organization meeting of the recently elected council held Tuesday evening in the Porterville city hall. J. Andy Rogers was named vice president.

Mr. Reed, after serving one year as an appointee to the council, was elected last week to a four-year term. Other new councilmen seated were Jesse F. Eckles and Dr. John Loyd.

Chamber Office Will Be Moved

Office of the Porterville chamber of commerce will be moved from the Porterville city hall into an upstairs location in the Security bank building on Porterville's Main street, in accordance with action taken yesterday morning at a meeting of the chamber board of directors.

Plans of the chamber to eventually construct a separate office building will be continued, it was stated at the meeting. Chairman of the chamber building committee is Paul Stathem, immediate past president of the chamber.

An estimated 5,000 acres of onions will be harvested in California during May, June and July, with bulk of this crop in the Stockton and Tracy districts.

SERMON IN MINIATURE

OLD IDEAS IN NEW FORM
By CHARLES M. BRANDON,
Rector St. John's Episcopal
Church

There is an awakening today of the necessity to place human living on a higher plane than mere animal existence.

Men of wide experience, with groups of peoples, like John Foster Dulles express this thought most cogently by such expressions, "There must be more spirituality and less materiality in living."

Their experience has been that when people become concerned only in that which they can buy, sell, see, taste and touch, the beast in man's make up in time, destroys his spiritual component.

However, when laymen like Dulles make a statement like that quoted, they are merely reiterating the truism the Master stated when He said, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

County Potatoes Estimated At 7,000 Acres

Tulare county acreage of early potatoes is estimated at 7,000 acres, with state acreage estimated at 66,000 acres as compared to 80,000 acres last year.

Bulk of the state planting is in Kern county, where 50,500 acres are under cultivation as compared to 60,400 acres last year. Reports on Southern California plantings are not complete, but a lower acreage than last year is being predicted.

Earliest fields in the Edison district of Kern county may be ready for digging about April 20. The season will generally get under way early in May.

Holstein Breeders Meet End Of May

An estimated 1,000 Holstein breeders from throughout the nation will meet in San Francisco May 30-June 2 to attend the first national convention of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America to be held in California, with a Golden West National Convention sale to climax the event.

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BY
HARRY BRITTON



We have at last a real ball park folks, and we should all feel deeply indebted to our city management, city council, chamber of commerce and others who participated, but less anyone get too critical as to the expenditure of City funds, lets not forget a small item of \$2,397.66 in the matter of man hours and material for fence turning, concession stand, box seats, paint etc., that went into the park from the Porterville "Packers" directors, stockholders and friends an itemized list of which is in the hands of our City Manager that has inanced the capital investment of this city

owned property. It is hoped that R. Hodgson and Sons, Ross Boyd and Jack Anglin and C. W. Whitridge can be in someway reimbursed over a period of time. And remember most of the improvements were necessary to accommodate the San Jose training.

Now lets take a look at what Sunset League baseball means to the eight cities comprising the league. Its costs each club close to 50,000 dollars to operate during the little over four months schedule and we find an outlay of 400,000 dollars. Looking our local merchants in the eye, nice little plum for hotels, restaurants, gasoline stations, clothiers etc. to divide.

The salary limit is \$3,400 per month for each club in the league and that does not include the salary of the Business Manager, or Playing Manager. The majority of this goes to the city supporting the ball club. All teams play night games and that makes revenue for the power companies. Now comes the business our cities receive from the sale of hot dogs, pop corn, score cards, fence ads, pop and other beverages.

While we are at it lets spend some money for salary on ushers, peanut venders, telephone bills, telegrams, baseball, bats, shoes official score keeper, insurance, tickets, gatemen ticket takers, ball chasers, park rental, radio and newspaper ads, postage, letters, stamps, legal expense, auditing. Oh well this goes on and on. It seems to us that this is quite an industry.

See you Wednesday, April 20, 6-8 A. M., at the Chuck Wagon Breakfast in Porterville, but you had better be in Western regalia if you want to eat free. The idea of the breakfast came from Fred Moore, chairman of the Porterville Merchants' Roundup committee, and the financial side of the deal is underwritten by the Orange Belt Saddle club and the Merchants, and the pitch is to advertise the Porterville Roundup May 7 and 8. It's a pretty good curve at that.

NEW UNIT OPEN IN NOVEMBER

New 140-bed unit of the Springville sanatorium, now under construction, is expected to be ready for use early in November.

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HAM SHOOT

Marksman, fly casters and plug casters will have an opportunity to win a fine, fat ham at a "Ham Shoot" sponsored by the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association on Sunday, April 24, at the Porterville municipal airport.

Trap shooting, 22 target, plug casting and fly casting are scheduled as the competitive events. Annual banquet of the association will be held the following evening, April 25, at the Billingsley and Elliott Tractor Sales building in Porterville.

Packer Training Opens In South Monday Morning

Spring training will officially open for the Porterville Packers in Long Beach Recreation park next Monday morning, as Manager Tommy Lloyd starts final selection of the squad that will open the season May 1 at San Bernardino.

Among Tulare county boys who will participate in the training session are: Ted Hopper, Jerry Womack, Don Samsel, Louis Howard and Jack McClung. Business Manager Norman Deweesq will leave for the south tomorrow to complete final arrangements for the camp.

Speed Bowl Racing Season Being Planned

Plans for auto racing events in the Porterville Speed Bowl were this week announced by H. G. Carder, who has leased the bowl for the season from Loren T. Bartlett and who is now renovating the tracks and seats.

First event of the season is scheduled for April 30, when local roadster drivers will hold their first official warmup session. Mr. Carder states that there will be no charge for this event.

Burning Permits Needed In Country Areas Of County

Persons desiring to burn grass, stubble, debris, weeds or any other inflammable material must first secure a burning permit, if the burning is to be done outside of incorporated city areas, according to William Pennington, state forest ranger.

Period in which permits must be secured starts today, April 15, and extends to November 30. Permits, obtainable from any division of forestry office or county fire station, must be written.

HAROLD RAINWATER NEW SECRETARY

Harold G. Rainwater has been named secretary of the Tulare county chamber of commerce by the county board of supervisors.

Planting of spring peas in California is estimated at 9,300 acres.

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SHOOTIN' NEWS

By O. J. McNIECE
Strathmore Ladder Works



In my contact with various rifles. ranchers and farmers in this area I have been told many stories in the past few years regarding the malicious damage, to farm stock and equipment as well as game animals and game birds, done by boys of high school age or slightly younger.

Let me relate just two or three of these incidents to you. One rancher who runs cattle in the hills between Strathmore and Porterville has lost several head in the past few years to boys with .22 rifles. The cattle had been shot 15 or 20 times and of course died a living death within a few days. Another rancher I know has had his smudge oil supply tank shot several times with a loss of hundreds of gallons of oil before the leak was discovered. A very recent complaint I received was from an orange grower who had been feeding a male and female pheasant that had been making his pump house their headquarters. These pheasants were some that had recently been planted in that area by the Southern Tulare County Sportsmans association, and were still somewhat tame. One day he noticed two boys near his pump house and upon investigation found the pheasants shot by .22

Now boys that are responsible for this sort of thing have no more business being loose with guns than I have with an atom bomb. These youngsters are not exceptions. They are part of the 40 per cent of our nations youth that are not supervised and taught good sportsmanship.

Many of these incidents are our own fault. We are far too complacent and selfish to realize that although we spent thousands of dollars teaching our children the 3 R's we spend not one cent and no effort to teach them sportsmanship. They can not be expected to learn good sportsmanship by themselves.

If you do not have a boy to take fishing or hunting with you, by all means take a neighbor boy. Teach them to respect the game laws and above all set a good example for him by obeying them yourself. Teach him the danger of forest fires. Show him the principle involved in handling and shooting firearms safely. Be sure he understands the danger of shooting toward a fellow hunter. It's easy to teach a boy fair play if you yourself will put forth the effort.

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SPOKE SATURDAY

Dr. Jesse L. Carr, San Francisco pathologist and a former resident of Porterville, spoke on rheumatic fever at a valley-wide, International night meeting sponsored by the Porterville 20-30 club last Saturday evening at the Porterville Fraternal Center.

Farmers' prices have been drifting downward an average of about two per cent per month since mid-summer of 1948.

County Employees Ask Creation Of Personnel Unit

Being considered by the Tulare county board of supervisors is an ordinance, proposed by the Tulare County Employees' association, that would "create and establish a system of personnel administration for the classified service" of employees of the county.

The proposed ordinance makes provisions for a county department of personnel, composed of a five-member personnel commission, a personnel director and personnel assistants.

Under the ordinance, the personnel department would make recommendations to the board of supervisors on matters "pertaining to the classified service regarding applications for employment, determination of qualification of applicants for employment, promotion of personnel, compensation within classification, job specifications, transfers, demotions, dismissals, suspensions, layoffs, reemployments, vacations, leaves of absence" and other related matters.

Provision is also made for a public hearing before the personnel commission on the cases of county employees who are demoted, suspended or removed from their jobs.

Also covered by the ordinance are persons holding county jobs at the time the ordinance is passed in that such persons are "presumed to possess the qualifications necessary to discharge the duties of the position they hold," and therefore shall have tenure in that position.

(Note: Editorial comment on this proposed ordinance appears in this issue of The Farm Tribune.)

Group Organizes For Improvement Of Cattle Ranges

John Britten, of Three Rivers, was named president of the Tulare County Range Improvement committee at a county-wide meeting held Monday evening in Visalia.

Claude Paregian, Visalia, was elected vice-president and Ralph Worrell, assistant Tulare county farm advisor, secretary.

Directors include: Bob Shannon and Art Griswold, Springville; Oscar Klein and Freeland Farnsworth, Hot Springs-White River; Frank Shirley and Harvey Harrell, Badger and Bill Wyllie, Three Rivers.

Object of the committee is to foster range improvement through controlled brush burning and re-seeding of foothill cattle ranges.

Export Demand For Cotton Good

Export demand for cotton continues good, according to figures presented by the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture, and during the early months of 1949, domestic mill demand has increased.

In February spot prices of cotton averaged nearly as high as for any other month this season.

Entries under Government loan—mostly better grade cotton—have declined to around 70,000 bales per week. In February, it appeared likely that as much as six million bales may be placed under loan this season.

Seventy-one head of registered animals and 40 head of commercial Aberdeen-Angus cattle will be auctioned at a sale and show to be held at Klamath Falls April 17 and 18 under auspices of the Pacific Coast Aberdeen - Angus association.

HORSE SLEEPING SICKNESS CONTROL POSSIBLE THROUGH VACCINATION

By A. K. Carr, Administrator
Division of Animal Industry
Calif. Department of Agriculture

Equine encephalomyelitis is one of the several outstanding animal diseases for which vaccination usually affords protection. This disease with the long name is more commonly known as horse sleeping sickness. It is particularly important when it is realized that it can be transmitted to humans.

Both horses and mules are af-

ected by the disease. Affected animals may walk or stagger in circles, lean against a building or fence, droop their lower lip, brace themselves in awkward positions, and may become paralyzed. A constant symptom is sluggishness and drowsiness which often is the only symptom noted in affected animals.

Some Recover

Some affected animals recover from sleeping sickness. In severe cases the animal does not regain normal health due to injuries by the disease to the nervous system which has been damaged beyond repair during the course of the disease.

Equine encephalomyelitis is caused by what is known as a filtrable virus. Medical records show a number of cases of the disease among humans. Laboratory technicians who have worked with virus have contracted it, according to the records. The California State Department of Public Health attempts to correlate instances of equine encephalomyelitis with cases of encephalitis in humans.

The disease was first discovered in California about 19 years ago. There are two types of virus, western and eastern. The eastern virus is mostly along the Atlantic seaboard, and the western type exists in the Mississippi valley, Rocky mountain and Pacific coast states. The disease has occurred in California every year since 1930 but the incidence has varied. Some years have been much worse than others. The year 1948 was not near as bad as 1947.

Transmission

The disease most frequently occurs during the hot summer and fall months. Blood-sucking insects such as mosquitoes, flies, and ticks are believed to have much to do with the transmission of the disease. Mosquitoes are said to transmit the disease five days after biting an infected animal.

To prevent horses and mules from contracting the disease, they should be vaccinated against it in the spring. Immunity provided by vaccination remains for only one year so that each year the work must be repeated. Vaccination should not be put off until sick animals are observed. Rarely does the disease occur among properly vaccinated animals.

NEW WEED SPRAY IS DEVELOPED

A new weed spray, TCA, has been developed as a companion chemical to 2, 4-D. The new spray is toxic to grasses and has little effect on broadleaved plants, the exact opposite of 2, 4-D.

Americans are expected to eat about the same amount of food per person in 1949 as they did in 1948.

New Plan Sets Farm Income Goal

A total farm income goal designed to assure agriculture at least as much buying power as it had in the first 10 years of the previous 12 year period is the basis for the new national farm program that is being offered by the Truman administration through secretary of agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

Under the new program, the government would allow prices to fluctuate naturally under the influence of supply and demand on such perishable items as meat, milk, butterfat, eggs, poultry, vegetables and fruits.

Government Pays

If market prices on these items dropped below a specified level that will "assure agricultural buying power," consumers pay the lower prices but the government makes up the difference by direct payment to the farmer.

The present system of supporting prices would be continued on non-perishable and storable crops such as corn, wheat, other grains, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, soybeans, flaxseed, dry beans, peas and wool.

Less Cost

Secretary Brannan, in stating that the new program would not cost as much to administer as the present parity program, said that the direct payment method will "not only protect farmers, but would give consumers a real break."

In connection with the new program, provisions are made for broadened government control of farm operation and in order to receive government payments, farmers would be required to co-operate with government programs affecting production and soil conservation practices.

Twelfth Annual Western Guernsey Classic consignment sale at Merced over the past week-end grossed \$44,060 for 47 head of purebred stock.

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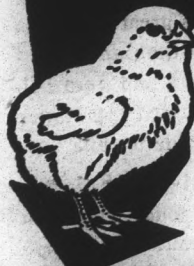
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Cotton Planting For Machine Picking Discussed

"Ridge planting of cotton is not necessary for machine picking. The ridge can be formed later through cultivation", declares Ralph L. Worrell, assistant farm advisor, in discussion methods of cotton planting.

The best shape ridge for machine picking of cotton is one which is narrow across the top, with steeply sloping sides. The narrow top allows better access of the lower cotton bolls to the machine. The steeply sloping sides permit leaves and trash to slide down into the furrow. Thus the machine picks up less trash, producing cleaner cotton.

A broad flat furrow between cotton rows will permit better irrigation and control of weeds. The permanent plant ridge can be formed at the last cultivation.

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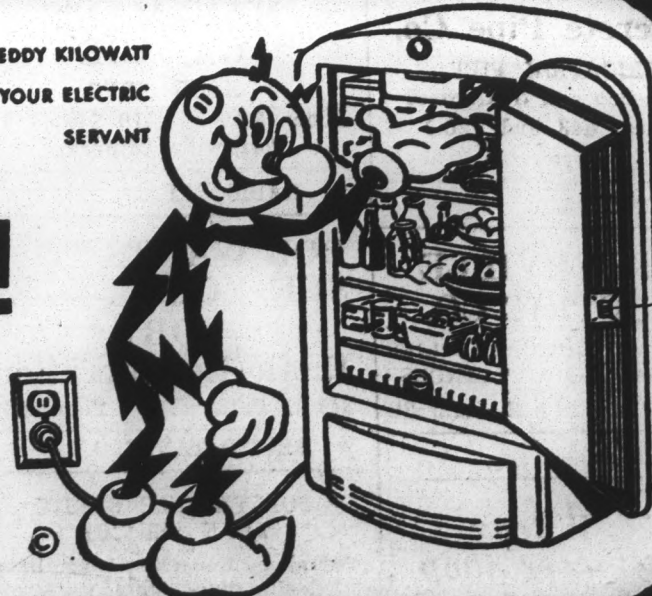
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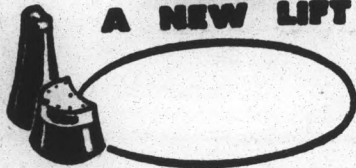
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COUNTY SUPERVISORS SHOULD TURN DOWN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE

Pending before the Tulare county board of supervisors is an ordinance, proposed by the Tulare County Employees' association, that would establish a system of personnel administration for the classified service of Tulare county, or, in more simplified words, would place Tulare county employees under a civil service-like setup. We strongly urge that the board of supervisors kill this measure because we believe that while the proposed ordinance has certain desirable provisions, its undesirable features far overshadow its good points.

Briefly, the proposed ordinance creates a county department of personnel, consisting of a five-member personnel commission, a county personnel director and additional assistants as necessary. Job of the director and of the commission is to establish rules for the hiring of county employees, both full time and part time, and to make recommendations to the board of supervisors concerning employment classification and handling of persons on the county payroll.

We urge opposition to this plan because:

1. The ordinance would set up another, conflicting county agency. We believe that if our appointed and elected county officials are not capable of selecting, hiring, firing, promoting and demoting the persons in their departments, then these officials should be replaced by persons who are capable.

2. A personnel administration would divide authority, in that to hold a job, a county employee would look toward his immediate superior, to be personnel commission and to the personnel director, with possibly more emphasis on the latter two, and provisions of the ordinance that provide for a public hearing in cases of demotion, suspension or removal, open the way for political and emotional appeals from sources that are not necessarily sincere or informed.

3. Under provisions of the proposed ordinance, we can visualize considerable "buck passing" between a department head, the personnel director and personnel commission on controversial matters - a situation that is always apt to develop when authority is divided.

4. And, as is usually the case when this type of ordinance is passed, provision is made, with minor reservations, that those persons holding county jobs at the time the ordinance goes into operation, are automatically declared eligible for county tenure - in other words they are eligible to hold their jobs primarily because they happen to have held their jobs at a certain point in time. That doesn't make sense to us, from the standpoint of efficient county operation.

Basically, the proposed ordinance would make it more difficult, in fact, exceedingly difficult, to get a person off the county payroll once he or she is on the payroll. From the standpoint of the employee, such an ordinance would certainly offer job security, but from the standpoint of the taxpayer, real security for county employees should come as the result of a job adequately done on a competitive basis and not through restrictive legislation that tends to kill personal initiative.

Adoption of this proposed ordinance would, in our opinion, result in confusion, additional expense and unnecessary administrative procedures.

We say again to our Tulare county board of supervisors: Kill it!

WHEAT SUPPORT AT 90% PARITY FOR 1949 YEAR

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced this week a program to support the price of 1949-crop wheat through (1) farm-storage and warehouse-storage loans, (2) purchase agreements, and (3) in Georgia and South Carolina direct purchases of wheat. The actual support price will be computed on the basis of 90 per cent of the wheat parity price as of the beginning of the marketing year, July 1, 1949, as required by current legislation.

Eligible wheat shall be wheat produced in the continental United States in 1949, grading U.S. No. 3 or better, or grading U.S. No. 4 or No. 5 solely on the factor of test weight.

In general the 1949 wheat support program will follow the pattern of the 1947 and 1948 programs, but will be available to farmers from time of harvest through January 31, 1950. This makes the new program available for an additional month, as compared with 1947 and 1948 programs. Loans will mature April 30, 1950, or earlier on demand, and holders of purchase agreements must declare within a 30-day period ending April 30, 1950, or on such earlier date as may be determined, their intention to sell to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Cut Alfalfa Early To Stop Mildew

Numerous cases of mildew on early alfalfa have recently come to the attention of Tulare County Assistant Farm Advisor Ralph L. Worrell, who advises mowing the alfalfa early if the disease damage is severe.

"Mildew of alfalfa is spread during periods of cool moist weather such as occurred during the first half of March. The symptoms are a crinkling and yellowing of leaves, with the fine powdery growth of mildew being visible upon close inspection. Severely damaged leaves may die and fall off, thus reducing the value of the alfalfa for hay."

If farmers should find areas in their fields where the mildew is serious and causing leaf drop, it would be best to mow these areas early, said Worrell. This will preserve the quality of the hay and eliminate much of the fungus. Normally drier weather during the rest of the spring should hold mildew damage to a minimum.

John Kovacevich, Arvin grower and shipped, has been named president of the California Grape and Tree Fruit league.

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"The Poor Little Rich Girl," is the play that has been chosen by Clare Tree Major for presentation before children and parents of the community in the Porterville Union High School auditorium the afternoon of April 26, at 3 o'clock.

The play is sponsored by the American Association of University Women, of which Mrs. John Vaznalan is president. Margaret Olsen is chairman of arrangements and tickets may be secured from April 18 to 22 from Mrs. Helen Landgraf, Bartlett school; Mrs. Connie Price, Vine street school; Mrs. Lindstrom at Doyle school; Mrs. Victor Bowker at Olive street school, Miss Hazel Fink at Bellevue and Mrs. Ritz at Porterville high school.

The play, which became a Broadway success, is written by Eleanor Gates and is designed as an exciting fantasy for youngsters, while for elders, it is a telling commentary on the modern adult re-

lation with children.

The play further reveals a child's enormous capacity for fancy by showing a little girl's imagination actually at work, actively engaged in the process of transforming the puzzling speech and bewildering behavior of the grown-ups around her into terms of her own understanding. Ever since 1913, when the play had its Broadway premier, it has been famous not only for its insight into a child's perplexities, but also for its piquant humor, which is simultaneously rollicking fun for children and clever satire for adults.

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"JUNIOR MISS" MAY PRODUCTION FOR THE BARN

The Barn theatre announces that its next production on May 1st through 7th, will be a rollicking family comedy entitled, "Junior Miss," written by Jerome Chodorov and Joseph Fields, and based on the novel by Sally Benson.

Playing the title role of Judy Graves is Judith Perry, a Porterville high school student, known for her fine portrayal of Rebecca, in "Our Town", Judy's best friend and mischievous companion Fluffy Adams, is played by Beverly Wills, who is making her first appearance at the Barn.

Grace Graves, Judy's mother, is in the capable hands of Zelma Betts, of Terra Bella. She is well remembered for her excellent characterization of Ellen, in "The Male Animal" earlier this season. Her stage husband Harry Graves, is inacted by a Lindsay man, Don Jackson, who is associated with the Weymouth Chevrolet Co. there. His work with the recent Kiwanis show will make him a familiar figure to Lindsay residents.

Barbara Coates, who played Muriel in last summer's production of "Out of the Frying Pan", has the role of Judy's 16 yr. old super sophisticated sister Lois.

Reservations for "Junior Miss" will be open at Claubes Pharmacy in Porterville on April 15th, and may be had by phoning 77. All seats will be numbered and reserved.

Garnet Displays At 4-H Fair

Plans are now being formulated by the clothing committee for the 4-H fair which is to be held on May 21 at the Tulare County Fair grounds. As the girls are completing their garments for display at the clothing exhibit and fashion show in which they will participate, the local leaders of the clubs are just as busily completing their plans for the fair.

Mrs. George Barnes as chairman of the committee has been working with Mrs. Tom Lee of the Enterprise Club, Miss Mary Cate of the Aurora Club and Mrs. Ben Humke of the Oakdale Club. Other members of their committees are Mrs. John Proctor, Mrs. Frieda Mason, Mrs. Bill Peterson, Mrs. C. O. Elander, Mrs. D. E. Bachman; Mrs. L. W. Michalk, Mrs. J. D. Andreas, Mrs. H. Kramer and Mrs. Rubye Costner.

Besides the clothing exhibit, a fashion show will be held that day. There will also be home furnishings and food preservation exhibits.

Springville Chorus Will Present Easter Concert

The Springville Community chorus will present a sacred concert in the Springville Community church Easter Sunday evening, at 8:15 o'clock. Donald Knight, an instructor of music in the public schools, is directing the chorus under the adult education program of the Porterville high school.

The Easter concert, which will be the first public appearance of the chorus, will consist of a number of anthems, and solos by Ann Lumsden and Virginia Gray. Marguerite Munson will accompany the soloists, and play the piano prelude. Marjorie Spees will play a violin offertory. Mrs. A. A. Harris is accompanist for the chorus.

The chorus is being supported with great interest and enthusiasm in Springville, and plans are being made, and rehearsals are under way, for an outdoor secular concert to be given in June. The Easter evening offering will be used to defray the expenses of the chorus.

It's Lilac Time In Tulare County; Growing Pointers Given By Advisor

By KARL W. OPITZ
Assistant Farm Advisor

It should be observed, and remembered that the lilac bloom this season is of extra-ordinary abundance and beauty. This can be attributed to the cold winter followed by the warm spring. This distinct change between winter and spring weather favors a burst of bloom. Continued mild weather through winter into spring usually results in smaller, less attractive flower clusters and slower leafing out.

To provide the best growing conditions possible for lilacs it is advisable to plant in a well-drained fertile loam soil. Alkali, sand, hard pan, or heavy soils should be avoided. The lilac develops shallow roots, thus the first two feet of soil should be of good texture and fertility.

Moderate Moisture

A moderated amount of moisture should be available to the deeper roots throughout the year to insure maximum growth. But a more limited supply in late summer and fall is desirable to bring

about dormancy. Irrigation during the growing season from April to the middle of July should be sufficient to keep the moisture supply in the root zone well above the wilting point. Heavy watering after September 1 should be avoided. Out-of-season growth may be stimulated by heavy fall irrigation.

Since lilacs are shallow rooted, no cultivation should be practiced. A good mulch of well rotted barnyard manure, peat, or compost will assist in keeping the soil porous and preventing the soil from baking and cracking.

CECILIAN SINGERS' PROGRAM MAY 4

Annual concert of the Cecilian Singers of Fresno will be held in the White theatre in Fresno May, 4, with Gertrude Ribla, leading dramatic soprano with the Chicago opera, to appear as guest soloist.

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First horse show event will be a lead race, age group, 8-13 years, followed by a trail horse class, open, with afternoon eliminations; in-and-out stake race, 14-18 years; walk race, 7 years and under; sack race, 8-13 years; stock horse, open, with afternoon eliminations.

Saddle race, 14-18 years; stake race, 8-13 and musical chair, 14-18 years. Entries may be filed with any of the horse show committee, or with John Keck at the office of The Farm Tribune, 522 N. Main street, Porterville.

The evening horse show, to be preceded by a pet show, will open with a grand entry parade that will include pets, horses and livestock. Committee in charge of the show includes; Louie Stephen,

Vaudeville Is Back Again Evening Of Apr. 28

The second edition of "Vaudeville's Back In Porterville," will be presented by the Porterville Lodge of Elks the evening of Thursday, April 28, in the Porterville high school auditorium, with 10 headlined professional acts, booked out of Hollywood, to be featured.

Two shows will be staged, one at 7:30 P. M., the other at 9:30 P. M. Reserve seat tickets are now on sale in the lobby of the Elks' club in Porterville.

Included one the program will be George West, who will act as master-of-ceremonies and who will also present his own musical novelty number; Ray Wilbert will appear with his educated hoops in a juggling act; the Libonetti trio, with their "cyclonic xylophones" will offer musical entertainment and impersonations of leading recording stars, including Spike Jones, will be presented by the Nichol Sister in their act, "Off the Record."

Al Browning, newly-elected exalted ruler of the Porterville lodge, and Ken Combs secretary, state

chairman; Walter Owen, arena director; George Bastian and Paul Martin, properties; John Keck and Harold Hoover, entries and Peggy Hoover and Delpha Jones, score keepers.

Chamber Budget Over \$25,000

Budget, during the coming year for the Tulare county chamber of commerce is expected to run in excess of \$25,000.

The money would pay a county secretary and would be used for general promotional work in connection with the county.

YMCA GOALS ARE SURPASSED

Membership drive for the YMCA achieved 200 per cent of the quota in the Ducor community, during the past week, to top all other communities of Tulare county. Woodville was second with 150 per cent of its quota.

Carl I. Allen of Artesia, manager of the Western Consumers Guernsey dairy, has been elected president of the California Guernsey association.

that the Elks lodge in sponsoring this entertainment for the community is to raise funds to establish and maintain a scholarship fund. All proceeds from the show go directly into the scholarship fund and are to be used to further the education of deserving students in the area under the jurisdiction of the Porterville Lodge of Elks, which include Strathmore, Lindsay, Terra Bella, Ducor, Woodville, Poplar and Springville.

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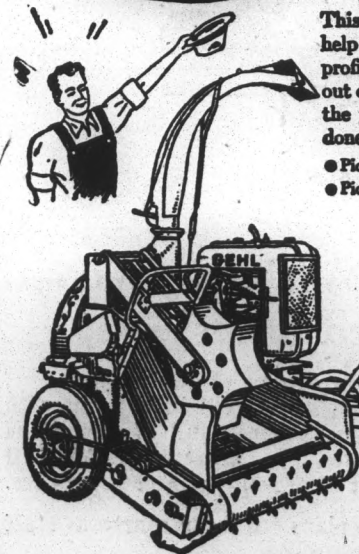
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